

LEUBRIE BROTHERS.

Meeting of the General Assembly in St.
Louis—Preliminary Business.

Reports of Committees on Consolidation of the Boards—Work of the Year—Etc.

FIRST DAY.
St. Louis, May 21.—The general assembly of the First Presbyterian church, commenced at eleven o'clock this morning in the First Presbyterian church, corner of Third and Olive streets, and was opened by the moderator, Rev. Howard Crosby, of New York. After prayer, the reading of the scriptures followed the opening sermon, which was purely scriptural in its bearing. The members were present, numbering between five and six hundred, from all parts of the country, and including some of the most distinguished divines of the church.
After afternoon session was wholly occupied in electing officers for moderator. Three candidates were nominated—Dr. Wilson, Henry Darling, of Albany, N. Y., and James K. Eals, of St. Louis. Dr. Wilson was elected, and upon taking the chair declared it would be great satisfaction to him to attempt to conceal his feelings of gratitude for the confidence bestowed in him; he would endeavor to be just and impartial, and if he should fail, he would do so, and if the spirit of God was with him his duties would be comparatively light. Dr. Wilson's church was rich in treasured history of the past and had glorious and expanding hopes for the future.
Dr. Wilson is pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh, and a professor in the Western Theological seminary, of the same city.
S. B. Beaumont, of Hudson, New York; J. G. Fessenden, Topeka, Kansas; and Rev. Wm. H. Burleigh, of St. Louis, and Rev. Mr. Klingley, were elected temporary clerks.
The afternoon session was devoted to the sacrament of the Lord's supper in Dr. Dickey's church, Rev. Howard Crosby presiding, assisted by Drs. Musgrave and Donaldson.

SECOND DAY.
St. Louis, May 22.—The second day's session of the Presbyterian general assembly commenced at eleven o'clock, the moderator, Rev. S. J. Wilson. Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, and the session was then opened. It provides for two sessions each day, beginning at nine o'clock in the morning and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon, with a recess from one to two o'clock in the afternoon for lunch; the session closed on eight to ten o'clock of the evening.
The moderator announced the appointment of the following committees: On bills and overtures, the trustees of the church, home missions, foreign missions, education, publication, church extension, general assembly, correspondence, benevolence, mileage, finance, narrative, and general.
The synodical records from a large number of churches were handed in, and the records of home missions, foreign missions, education, church extension, committee on relief, missions for freedmen, the committee on the general assembly, finance, trustees of the Presbyterian home and general assembly, treasurer of the general assembly, and the theological seminaries of the church.
Dr. William P. Breed, of Philadelphia; Dr. N. D. Phelps, of New York; and Dr. Joseph L. Drake, were appointed a committee to select a place of meeting for next year's session. The business of the morning session was taken up in considering the formula for the administration of the Lord's Supper. At the last session of the assembly, a formula had been presented by a committee and referred to the assembly. Many had been present, and the assembly had new formulas made out. After considerable discussion, on motion of Dr. Phelps, the assembly adjourned. The matter was referred to a committee of seven, who were instructed to report by Monday afternoon.
On motion of Rev. Howard Crosby, of New York, all academic and civil titles were voted to be accorded to the records of the assembly.
The report of the committee on the conduct of the boards of the churches of the church was taken up. The financial statistics of the several boards were given, and the figures being taken from the reports of the boards for the year ending May, 1873, and are aggregated as follows: Salaries, \$90,000; expenses, \$100,000; total, \$190,000; benevolence, \$134,500; total, \$324,500; amount spent on the objects, \$288,000; amount on hand, \$136,500. The report of the committee on church extension, \$120,734; sustentation

\$70,836; education, \$715,000; ministerial salaries, \$98,000; furniture, \$58,200; publication, \$58,590.

These board areas follow: Foreign missions, \$515,635; home missions, \$282,000; evangelism, \$100,000; Christian Education, \$87,482; education, \$104,530; ministerial salary, \$74,886; freedmen, \$84,304; publications, \$58,590; total, \$1,512,625.

In regard to the consolidation of the different departments of work for the purpose of increasing their efficiency, the committee recommended the establishment of four distinct boards for the oversight and control of the benevolent work of the denomination—namely, one at home abroad, as follows: A board of foreign missions, a board of home missions, a board of evangelism, and a board of publication. It is recommended, further, that the standing committee of each conference be authorized by the synod. A minority report was submitted by Dr. Herrie Johnson, which provides for the same boards recommended above, but with no separate organization of a board of church erection. Both reports were received.

Every arrangement will be made to preserve good order. Jackson & Ellett, is in the hands of the remaining parties. April 29, 1874. ap39

No. 137, R.—First Chancery Court of Shelby County—John H. Morgan, Guardian, etc., vs. Martha C. Dickens, et al.